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INFRASTRUCTURAL HURDLES IN EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian handicrafts industry has not been able to make fullest use of available opportunities in the world market owing to some Infrastructural hurdles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove these hurdles and to promote the export of handicrafts; and

(d) the place of India in the world in the export of handicrafts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTLES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The main infrastructural hurdles being faced by the exporters of handicrafts in crafts concentration areas include: irregular power supply; poor telecommunication facilities; road transport bottlenecks; and insufficient rail linkage with the craft pockets.

(c): A Critical Infrastructure Balance Scheme (CIB) has been constituted for the purpose under the aegis of Ministry of CommerceA sum of Rs.20.28 corores has been sanctioned under the scheme to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for improving power supply in Moradabad. The National Highway Authority under the Ministry of Surface Transport has also sanctioned Rs.98.98 crores for 4 laning of Delhi - Moradabad NH-24 upto Hapur in the first phase.As regards improvement in rail/telecom facilities, the matter has been separately taken up with the concerned Ministries/Departments.

(d): India rank 3rd in the world market in terms of value in export of carpets and floor covering. However the handicrafts excluding carpets enjoy a market share of approx. 1.3 % of the world handicrafts market.